

Service Academy Nomination Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in attending a United States Service Academy. It can be a complicated process and we want to provide as much assistance and information as possible to help you prepare.

What materials/documents are required as part of my nomination application?

- Online Questionnaire
 - This is completed and submitted using the online portal.
- Two 300 word essays
 - Your essays must be a minimum of 300 words and will cut off at 500 words.
 - Essays are completed and submitted using the online portal.
- Official High School Transcript
 - Official transcript must include your final junior year scores.
- SAT or ACT Scores
 - Scores posted on your transcript will be accepted.
 - A digital download of your score report from College Board can also be submitted.
 - A score report can be sent to our office directly from College Board using our office code. Our SAT code is 2826 and our ACT code is 7175
 - Please be mindful that the last SAT test before the deadline is June 4, 2022 and the last ACT test is July 16, 2022. Scores for any tests taken after these dates will not be released prior to our application deadline.
- 3 Signed Letters of Recommendation
 - We require a minimum of three signed letters and will accept no more than five.
- Signed Certification
 - The certification is downloaded from our website, https://www.toomey.senate.gov/?p=service_academies.

What is the deadline for Senator Toomey's Class of 2027 application?

Friday September 2, 2022

How do I submit my application materials?

The application packet that includes your transcript, SAT or ACT scores, three letters of recommendation, and the signed certification must be submitted as one complete package, in a PDF file format, to the Academy inbox, academy@toomey.senate.gov. The submission email must include the candidate's name in the subject line. Application materials submitted to us by fax or mailed to any of our offices will not be accepted.

How do I make changes to my online application questionnaire once I have submitted it?

Please send an email to academy@toomey.senate.gov or by calling the Allentown Office at 610-434-1444. We will unlock your questionnaire for you. After your account is unlocked, you will have 24 hours to make changes before your account will relock. Once you have made the necessary changes, you need to hit the submit button in order for all changes to be sent to our office.

How can I submit my SAT or ACT scores to Senator Toomey's office?

- You may request that College Board send your scores directly to our office by entering our office score codes at the time you take the test. Our SAT code is 2826 and our ACT code is 7175.
- A downloadable copy of your score report is available on your College Board portal.
- We will accept ACT or SAT scores reported on a transcript.

How do I know if my application materials have been received by the office?

The most up to date resource for checking the status of your application is the online portal. This information is updated regularly. Before calling our office to check your application status, please log in to your portal. All received materials will be marked “Complete” and will show a green check mark. If you need to take further action, it will be marked as “Received, but Incomplete” with additional notes provided.

I am applying to more than one service academy. May I apply for multiple nominations from Senator Toomey?

Our office considers applicants for a nomination to one academy. While you may apply to multiple academies, we will only consider an applicant for one nomination. We advise candidates to apply to all nomination sources. This includes your Member of Congress, Senator Casey, and the Vice President.

Does my academy application have to be complete in order to apply for a nomination?

No. However, we do ask that students have at least 50% of their academy application, including their Candidate Fitness Assessment, completed or scheduled at the time of their interview.

What are the different nomination sources?

You may apply for a nomination through your Member of Congress, both U.S. Senators for your state, and the Vice President. Applicants with parents who served as a career officer or enlisted personnel may also apply for a Presidential nomination. We recommend applying to all possible nomination sources. As each office facilitates their own application process, you will want to contact those offices directly to learn about their requirements. Information on the Vice Presidential nominations can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/service-academy-nominations/>. Information on these nominations can also be found on the academy websites. Please visit www.house.gov to obtain the contact information for your Member of Congress.

When will I be notified that I have an interview?

We will notify students of their interview date and time in late September. We interview all students who have completed the application process and who meet the minimum academic standards established by the Academies. Only a small percentage of applicants are excluded from the interview process. You will be notified accordingly.

When and how will I know if I have received a nomination?

Notifications will occur a few weeks after the last interview date. All applicants will be informed of our decision by letter sent via USPS.

If I receive a nomination, am I guaranteed an appointment to the academy?

A nomination does not guarantee an appointment to a service academy. A nomination is one requirement for consideration for appointment. Ultimately, the final decision rests with the Academy.

What recommendations do you have for students who want to attend a Service Academy?

We encourage students to review and familiarize themselves with the academies’ websites and schedule a visit to the academies they are interested in attending. Additionally, we recommend students seek leadership positions in extracurricular activities, take the recommended academic courses, and prepare themselves physically.